

Remarks

Claims 1-32 are now pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 14, 17-21, 24 and 32 are currently amended to change the dependency of the claims. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action dated May 8, 2008, the Examiner restricted prosecution of the application to one of three Groups set forth by the Examiner:

Group I, claims 1-23, drawn to a preservation composition;

Group II, claims 24-31, drawn to a method of preserving a material; and

Group III, claim 32, drawn to a wood product treated with a preservative.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-23 drawn to a preservation composition.

The Examiner has also required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution of the application. The Examiner has required election of a species selected from

a) betaines; and

b) weak nitrogen amphoteric.

Applicants elect the species b) weak nitrogen amphoteric. Claims 7-21, and 24-32 read on the elected species.

Conclusion

Examination of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

/John Esteban Ezcurra/

John Esteban Ezcurra, Ph.D.
Reg. No. 61,004

King & Spalding LLP
1180 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
404-572-4600
404-572-5134 (facsimile)